

9.	Bhuj	186
10.	Masana	302
11.	Panchmahal	140
12.	Rajkote	189
13.	Sabarkantha	176
14.	Sundernagar	140
15.	Surat	152
16.	Baroda	107
17.	Balsar	158

Total	2875
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**Doordarshan Relay Kendras to
Telecast Programmes of main
Doordarshan Kendras**

2900. SHRISURYA NARAYAN YADAV:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Relay Kendras have been provided the facility to relay the telecasts of main Doordarshan Kendras of the State;

(b) if so, the number of Relay Kendras linked so far with the main Kendras; and

(c) the time by which the remaining Kendras are likely to be so linked?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Out of 528 TV transmitters presently functioning in the country, 197 TV transmitters relay the programmes of main Doordarshan Kendras in the respective States either through satellite or microwave mode of linkage.

(c) Linkage of the TV transmitters to the main Doordarshan Kendras in the respective States is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources, requisite space segment capacity and commissioning of the microwave links engineered by the department of Telecommunications.

[English]

Range of Kasauli T.V. Tower

2901. SHRIPAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the present range of T.V. tower at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The high power (10 KW) TV transmitter functioning at Kasauli provides service within a range of about 220 Kms subject to local terrain conditions. This coverage area includes fringe areas also where elevated antennae and booster are required for obtaining reception.

**Sale of Postal Stationery through
General Stores**

2902. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the desirability of starting the sale of Postal stationery through selected general stores operating in different markets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.